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HILTON FIRE KILLS EIGHT: Fire broke out in the 30-story Las Vegas Hilton Hotel Tuesday in which eight persons lost their lives. Picture (left) shows an injured person being loaded into an ambulance after being overcome by smoke. Picture in center shows a trapped guest peer helplessly from a broken window as the firemen (at right) spray water into the flames racing through the hotel building.

8 die, 242 hurt in mystery U.S. hotel fire

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Feb. 11 (AP) — One fast-moving fire and three smaller blazes, all of "suspicious origin," engulfed the Las Vegas Hilton in smoke as flames shot up the side of the 30-story building. Eight persons were killed and at least 242 were injured, officials said.

Clark County Fire Chief Roy Parrish said authorities were questioning two men in connection with the blaze Tuesday night, which came less than three months after the fire at the nearby MGM Grand Hotel, where 84 persons died and more than 700 were injured.

Hundreds of guests fled the 2,783-room stone-fronted building, billed as the largest

hotel in the United States and the second largest in the world some scrambling to the rooftop, where helicopters blocked them to safety.

Others screamed for rescue from broken windows or lowered themselves by bed-sheets, while others jammed stairways to the ground floor. A wall of fire shot 100 feet (30m) up the east tower of the hotel, and flames quickly leapt window-to-window from the eighth floor to the building, spewing smoke over the nearby Las Vegas strip, Parrish said.

"When we got outside, there were flames shooting up the side of the hotel. It looked like the 'Towering Inferno,'" said Hank

Arkin, a guest from New York.

Some 450 firefighters battled the fire. Room-by-room searches were being conducted early Wednesday for possible victims.

One of the victims died in a fall onto an outside deck and the others succumbed to smoke inhalation, Parrish said. The bodies of three men were found up in the eighth floor elevator lobby, those of an elderly couple in their bathroom on the 10th floor. A woman died in her 20th floor room, and a man found alive in his room died moments after firefighters arrived.

Asked how he felt in the aftermath of a second hotel fire tragedy, Parrish, red-eyed

and weary, shook his head and replied, "sick."

The first fire was brought under control shortly after 9 p.m. and the other three were extinguished later. The huge, glittering Hilton sign remained on during the blaze.

Barron Hilton, chairman of the board of the Hilton Hotel Corp. in Beverly Hills, California, expressed profound shock and sorrow over the deaths and injuries.

"If as... Parrish suggested the fire was deliberately set, the entire resources of the Hilton Hotel Corporation will be committed to bring the person or people responsible for this tragedy to justice," he said.

Nonaligned ministers say

Avoid war, help peace

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (R) — The nonaligned foreign ministers' conference appealed Wednesday to all nations to work earnestly to avoid war and consolidate international peace and security. The New Delhi appeal was made at ceremonies marking the 20th anniversary of the 96-member non-aligned movement.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim attended the ceremonies and announced that he had designated one of his deputies, U.N.

Undersecretary Javier Perez de Cesar, to facilitate negotiations on Afghanistan. Waldheim earlier met Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi and his Afghan counterpart Shah Muhammad Dost as part of his efforts to get negotiations underway on the Afghan problem.

Conference sources said a consensus was expected to be reached on a final declaration calling for withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan, but there were still difficulties over reaching a similar formula on Kampuchea. The foreign ministers deplored "the tremendous pressures being exerted on the movement of non-aligned countries in a variety of ways to undermine its unity and solidarity that are in strength."

They also criticized "some developed countries" whose policies of defending vested interests and positions of privilege had frustrated developing countries' efforts to establish the new international economic order and launch a new round of global negotiations. Waldheim added that the support and encouragement of the movement would be important for resolving the Afghan issue.

Any solution "must ensure that the Afghan people will be able to determine their own destiny free from foreign intervention and interference," he said.

"The support of the nonaligned movement will be an important factor in reconciling national interests involved and in satisfying relevant security interests so that the suffering of the people of Afghanistan can come to an end," he added.

Waldheim said the Kampuchean problem had led to a precarious situation in Southeast Asia and little progress had been made toward a settlement.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) called for a "combination of forces" to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their war. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, said: "There is only one party that can benefit from this war and that is the imperialist Zionist enemy (Israel)." All of us, including the two warring parties, are the losers." Kaddoumi charged Egypt with giving up its "historical role" of fighting racism and Zionism and described Egypt's signing of the Camp David agreement with Israel as "a comedy."

The motion also accused the prince of breaking the long-established tradition that the royal family keeps out of political controversy. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is committed to maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent. The Labor Party is pledged to unilateral nuclear disarmament for Britain when next in power.

marking the second anniversary of the Islamic republic at "freedom Square." Bani-Sadr has held up appointment of a foreign minister by refusing to approve the nomination of Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajai, whom Bani-Sadr calls "incompetent."

The president, symbolic leader of Iran's pragmatic secular-minded factions, is struggling for power with Rajai, who has the powerful, well-organized Islamic clergy behind him.

Without the right policies, Bani-Sadr was as saying, Iran's enemies could isolate "our revolution and enable the superpowers to step up their plots."

Bani-Sadr also called for judicial and moral security, saying: "They can still burn books in the streets, they can still attack dormitories, they can still close schools, contrary to lawful principles, they can still assassinate people in the streets. As the Imam (Khomeini) said three days ago, the country cannot overcome its problems with these incidents going on."

Iraqis attack pipeline port

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — Iran said Wednesday Iraqi warplanes raided its oil pipeline port of Genaveh and the Gulf naval base of Bushehr and military communiques reported hundreds of deaths in the embattled highlands of Iran's war-conquered western border. Reports in the Lebanese press said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein ordered a major offensive into Iran's western Ilam province as Khomeini's revolution celebrated the second anniversary of the downfall of the Shah.

Iran's official Pars News Agency said U.S.-made Phantom jets of the Iranian air force drove away the raiding Soviet-made Iraqi MiG's from Genaveh and Bushehr. Genaveh's pipeline moves crude from Iran's southern oilfields to the offshore loading terminal of Kharg. Both vital oil sites are guarded by warships and jets from the Bushehr base, 64 kms of the south. Pars had no report of damage.

U.S. 'looks for' new M.E. move

Washington Bureau

pean allies as well as the U.S.-American sources said.

Last September, a senior Egyptian diplomat, who was in New York to attend the U.N. General Assembly meeting, told *Arab News* "We (Egyptians) are working hard with the Europeans to find a solution to the Palestinian problem. We know that the Camp David accords are not going to solve this problem."

American officials are following the progress of this so-called "new peace initiative" hoping to get on the right track before any decisions are taken.

The Arabs have to face any new initiative with a unified strategy and a unified decision, according to Arab diplomats in Washington.

Neutron controversy

Prince Philip breaks tradition

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Remarks by Prince Philip that only the existence of nuclear weapons had prevented World War III brought angry condemnation from the international committee of the opposition Labor Party Tuesday night. In a House of Commons motion the nine-member committee criticized the husband of Queen Elizabeth II for making him "the mouthpiece of a bellicose, reactionary government."

Mountbatten, former chief of the British defense staff, had strong reservations about nuclear weapons. He once stated: "their existence only adds to our peril, because of the illusions which they have generated." Philip, a World War II lieutenant in the Royal Navy, used a side door to dodge about 30 anti-nuclear demonstrators waiting Monday night, outside the crowded debating hall of the Cambridge Union Society.

Prince Philip made the remarks while delivering the Mountbatten memorial lecture at Cambridge University Monday night. The lecture is in memory of his uncle Earl Mountbatten who was assassinated by the Irish Republican Army Aug. 27, 1979. The motion, sponsored by anti-monarchist Labor legislator William Hamilton, said Philip's views were ironical because they conflicted with those of his uncle.

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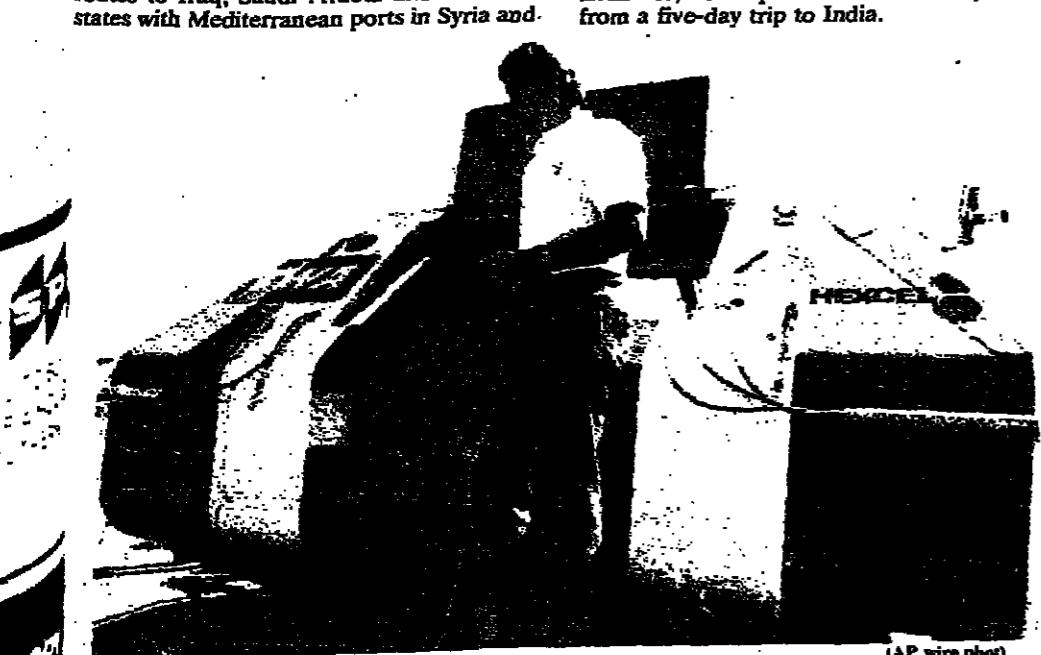
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Concerning foreign recruitment

Labor violations investigated

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — Hundreds of companies are being investigated for violations of the rules concerning recruitment of foreign labor and other personnel. Fifteen companies will be banned from applying for visas and 500 are under close surveillance.

Speaking to *Arab News* Wednesday, Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al Awaji said last year several companies were forbidden to hire foreign labor abroad because of gross violations of the law. Many others, considered incompetent to hire workers, have submitted doubtful information including municipal building permits. "We are checking to see if they are really genuine applicants," he said.

Dr. Awaji said the recruitment of foreign women domestics has become a phenomenon since even those who did not want or care to hire them were now eager to appear as if they reached a certain social status requiring foreign domestic help. "The change that has occurred over the last three to five years is truly surprising," he said. The majority of homes which had not hired help are applying and insisting on doing so now. "This has become a social exhibitionist tradition which



Dr. Ibrahim Al Awaji

I believe is immature because it has an element of showmanship rather than a real need for home help," he said.

Dr. Awaji cited the example of an applicant who wanted visas for a married couple although his own salary did not exceed SR2,500 a month. "Besides," he said. "There are many negative factors in this tendency, both on the family and the upbringing of the young, he added.

He said the ministry is studying carefully this new phenomenon which is the result of the economic prosperity of the country. It is a dangerous development which could lead to a "lazy, velvet" society, he said. He appealed to the press and writers to highlight the problem not only once, but continuously and from various angles. The recruitment office of the ministry will be pleased to offer any assistance in this connection, he said.

Dr. Awaji said the ministry originally had preferred to restrict the recruitment of domestic help to Muslim women from Islamic countries since these women are five-in-per-son and their religious affinity with the employers can mitigate the negative aspects of hiring foreign women.

Asked about the right of expatriates to accompany or to call their families to the Kingdom, Dr. Awaji said the ministry had made a careful study of the various categories of expatriates before deciding which ones can do so. Only those with the proper qualifications who are needed for development purposes were exempted from the ban, he said, provided they also had the right income and accommodation. It is not true that anybody

working here can get permission to bring his wife here. There are rules and regulations governing such requests.

He made it clear, in view of some misunderstandings, that the rules did not state that anyone who has been here five years can now obtain residence visas for their wives, but that only those who had already been in the country at the time the rules were announced last year may be allowed to keep their wives here. "This was made clear from the start but a lot of people did not interpret it correctly," he said. These rules apply to foreigners outside the categories specified which include university professors, teachers at all levels, doctors, pharmacists, veterinary surgeons, engineers, including chemists, farming and insecticide specialists, weapons and ammunition specialists who are qualified graduates of universities and educational institutions specializing in these fields, managers of companies and enterprises of no fewer than 100 employees on the basis of evidence issued by the General Organization of Social Insurance or a bank certificate provided that they deal with no less than SR1 million a year or have a capital of no less than SR1 million.

The second category includes university-qualified chartered accountants and legal consultants, X-ray assistant technicians, laboratory assistants, trained nurses, surveyors, draftsmen. All of them should fulfill certain conditions which include a residence of no less than one year, have an income of not less than SR4,000 a month, should be working in their original area of specialization and continue to do so.

Dr. Awaji said the ministry was in touch with the commerce ministry about the bona fides of holders of commercial registers who may not be quite competent to do the work they claim in their applications — not to mention hiring foreign workers. The commerce ministry is carrying out a survey of the registers to sort out the genuine ones from the others, since they also have an effect on recruitment once the applicant has a commercial register in his pocket. "It is difficult for the recruitment office to refuse applicants who have been registered," Awaji said. He hoped that the commerce ministry will speed up the process.

British optimistic on bilateral relations

By Anne Whitehouse
London Bureau

LONDON, Feb. 11 — Meetings of the Saudi-British Joint Commission are being held in London this week amidst optimism on both sides that a new period of bilateral cooperation is approaching.

The size of the Saudi Arabian delegation — there are 33 members in all — is regarded on the British side as a cause for optimism. Led by Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza, Saudi Arabian deputy minister for foreign, economic and cultural affairs, it is the largest Saudi Arabian delegation ever to visit Britain.

The delegation includes the deputy minister for municipalities and rural affairs, Dr. Suliman Al-Handan; Saudi Government Railroads Organization vice president, Abdul Mobsin Al-Bashawri; director general of the Ministry of Planning, Ahmad Al Muhib; Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Sheikh Nasser Al-Mangour; and representatives from the Ministries of Health and Education, Foreign Affairs, Communications and Economic Coordination.

Sheikh Ali Reza will meet Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the Foreign Office and Sir Peter Carey, permanent secretary in the

Safety measures taken for grain

JEDDAH, Feb. 11 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water in Saudi Arabia has taken special measures to protect livestock after it was noticed that many heads were affected by the intake of fertilized grain, *Al-Medina* reported Wednesday.

The consumer protection department of the Commerce Ministry was asked by the Agriculture Ministry Tuesday to see to it that importers, wholesalers and retailers stored the grain treated with urea fertilizers in a separate place from the storehouses containing animal feed. The former is usually used only as seeds and not intended for animals.

Lavish arrangements are just one indication of the British government's determination to restore goodwill between the two countries. Following the cooling of relations last year over the "Death of a Princess" television film, the conservative government has made no secret of its willingness to restore friendly relations.

Despite the cool relations, British exports to Saudi Arabia did increase last year to 1.05 billion pounds from 894 million pounds in 1979. Nevertheless, the trade gap widened as British imports rose to 1.9 billion pounds from 1.1 billion pounds.

Earlier this week a CBI delegate reported that the annual joint commission meeting was so far "as useful as ever." Outstanding issues governing existing and expected trade were being aired on both sides. A Saudi request for technology transfer had met with an interested and cooperative British response, but the British were reported to be sticking firm to their stated price.

When the five days of joint commission meetings ended on Friday, Feb. 9, there was likely to have been much discussion of joint ventures, both old and new. Relations between the two countries may well be improved further if rumors that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is to announce a visit to Saudi Arabia in the near future are confirmed.



Sheikh Abdullah Ali Reza

Department of Industry, for private talks. Four hundred representatives of British private sector industry are due to meet the delegation at a half-day seminar organized by the Confederation for British Industry (CBI), and a banquet in honor of the delegation will be hosted by trade minister Cecil Parkinson at Lancaster House.

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Sadat calls on EEC to pursue peace bid

LUXEMBOURG, Feb. 11 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has urged the European Common Market to bolster the Camp David peace process by pursuing its own peace initiative in the Middle East. Addressing the European parliament Tuesday Sadat described the EEC peace initiative as constructive and "an endorsement of the gains which have been realized so far."

He urged the EEC to participate in persuading Israelis and Palestinians to accept "a formula of mutual and simultaneous recognition" and to provide additional security guarantees in the area.

But in a clear reference to the stalled Camp David peace process, Sadat said Egypt was "determined to pursue this noble goal regardless of any obstacles." His speech, the first to the EEC parliament by an Arab leader, was repeatedly interrupted by applause, interspersed with occasional heckling from Italian radical members.

A tussle between Italian radical Mario Capanna and French Gaullist Gerard Israel flared when Capanna raised a banner declaring: "You must recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization. No to Camp David."

Sadat drew the longest applause of his 45-minute speech when he departed from his prepared text to declare that he had not come "to sell Camp David." It was his only specific mention of the agreement.

The establishment of a Palestinian entity, after a transitional period, would be a positive element to all countries in the region. It poses no threat to the security of Israel. In fact, it is the best guarantee for it," Sadat added. A PLO spokesman here later described Sadat's speech as irrelevant.

On Wednesday, Sadat left for Paris.

America considers putting RDF under NATO command

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (R) — The Reagan administration is considering placing the special Rapid Deployment Force (RDF) created by former President Carter under NATO command and restricting it to defense of the vital Gulf region, Pentagon officials say. Officials said Tuesday the joint chiefs of staff were expected to make a recommendation later this week on a dispute over who should command the force.

The issue has wide implications for U.S. and West European policies, and a final decision would be up to President Reagan and

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Some Pentagon officials predicted that command of the quick-reaction force would be shifted from the U.S. Readiness Command in Florida to the U.S. military commander in Europe, but others said nothing had been decided.

Putting the RDF under NATO command in Belgium would signal two major policy changes, officials said. First, it would become almost entirely a unit for defense of the Gulf region in place of its present responsibilities which in theory are worldwide.

Iranian official in China for talks

PEKING, Feb. 11 (AFP) — An Iranian government special envoy has started a week-long visit to China that marks the first high-level contact between the two countries since the overthrow of the late Shah two years ago. Iranian diplomatic sources said Ayatollah Muhammad Khamenei arrived here Monday to brief the Chinese government on Iran's policy, and would have talks with top Chinese officials.

Algeria affirms support for Polisario

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Algeria has reaffirmed its support for the Saharan Nationalist Polisario Front in a joint communique issued at the end of an official visit by a delegation of the front, which is fighting Morocco for independence in the Western Sahara.

The communique, which called for a Moroccan withdrawal from the former Spanish territory, restated the "total and unconditional commitment of the Algerian revolution alongside the national liberation struggle" of the Saharan people.

It came in the wake of rumors of an Algerian policy change, which were fuelled by a handshake between King Hassan of Morocco and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid at the recent Islamic summit in Mecca and Taif.

Israel shells Palestinian positions

BEIRUT, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization said Wednesday Israeli missile boats and helicopter gunships blasted Palestinian positions in southern Lebanon overnight. It mentioned no casualties. A communiqué said naval units and helicopters rocketed Palestinian positions in Qassimieh, 28 kilometers north of the Israeli border, in a two-hour assault that ended one hour after midnight.

Israeli long-range artillery teamed with the warships and helicopters in the barrage, the fourth major Israeli assault on the Palestinians this year. The Israeli military command also reported the naval bombardment along Lebanon's Mediterranean coast south of the port city of Sidon and Israel state radio described the operation as a pre-emptive attack to prevent commando raids against Israel.

Israel's three previous operations this year included an air raid on Palestinian positions in the south, a massive artillery barrage the next day and a highway ambush of a PLO jeep north of Sidon eight days ago. According to PLO and Lebanese government counts, 20 commandos and Lebanese villagers were killed in the attacks.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Four civilians were killed in the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli Wednesday during a four-hour shootout with members of the Syrian-dominated Arab Deterrent Force in Lebanon, correspondents in the region said.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir will confer in Washington Feb. 20 with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, a State Department spokesman said Tuesday.

ADEN, (AP) — A visiting Iranian delegation met with South Yemeni leader Ali Nasir Muhammad to discuss bilateral relations between the two countries, an official statement said Tuesday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Five thousand NATO troops massed for a three-day exercise Tuesday near Erzurum in mountainous northeastern Turkey.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Kabul radio announced Tuesday the execution of an Afghan freedom fighters, the fifth in the past two days following a clash between anti-government fighters and security forces in the northern province of Faryab, which borders the Soviet Union.

ATHENS, (R) — NATO's supreme commander U.S. Gen. Bernard Rogers arrived here from Brussels Tuesday for talks with Greek officials on the country's position in the alliance and its dispute with Turkey.

Soviets seeking friendly ties with Iran

MOSCOW, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Soviet Union has pledged to pursue friendly relations with Iran, saying it has expressed "unambiguous support for the people's revolution" there. A commentary published by the government newspaper *Izvestia* Tuesday said the Kremlin desires a relationship with Iran based on "non-interference in internal affairs, respect for sovereignty and

independence, mutual advantage in trade and economic relations and sympathies for the Iranian people's struggle against forces of imperialism."

Izvestia also said the Soviet people have "the right to expect" of Iran a "friendly and good neighborly attitude." The article, timed to coincide with the second anniversary of the overthrow of the late Shah, said the Iranian

revolution was of "much historical importance."

However, it said the new Iranian leadership has failed to work out a concrete program to solve the country's economic problems. "The population is suffering from unemployment, growing prices, shortages of foodstuffs and other consumer goods," *Izvestia* said.

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In Inter-Continental Cup final

Victorino's goal helps Nacional edge out Nottingham Forest

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — An early goal by ace striker Waldemar Victorino gave South American champions Nacional of Uruguay victory over England's Nottingham Forest in the Inter-Continental Soccer Cup Wednesday.

The match was 10 minutes old when Nacional broke sharply down the right in their first attack. Defender Jose Hermes Moreira crossed from near the corner flag and Victorino's shot left Peter Shilton in goal helpless.

Forest, the European Cup holders, pressed from the start but a tight defence in which goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez starred kept them out.

They had 18 shots to Nacional's nine but could not turn their height and speed into an equalizer. It was the long passes which Nacional used to launch counter-attacks which thrilled the capacity crowd of 62,000.

Defender Viv Anderson was credited with

Liverpool, West Ham scrape into Cup final

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Liverpool drew 1-1 with Manchester City and West Ham defeated Coventry 2-0 in second-leg matches of the semifinals of the English League Cup. Both won their ways into the final on aggregate scores for the home-and-away series.

Liverpool won the first-leg against City 1-0 and were through with a 2-1 aggregate, while Coventry won the first-leg 3-2 and lost on

Brazil lodges protest

RIO DE JANEIRO, (R) — Brazil have protested to the International Football Federation (FIFA) over the state of the pitch and the standard of refereeing in last Sunday's World Cup qualifying match against Venezuela in Caracas.

Gilmar Coutinho, president of the Brazilian Football Confederation, said Tuesday the complaint was made through the FIRA representative at the match.

Brazil won the game, the first elimination match for the 1982 world cup, 1-0 with a late-penalty. Venezuelans are not highly regarded and the Brazilian press severely criticised their team for the narrowness of the victory and the low standard of play.

The players blamed the roughness of the pitch and accused the Venezuelans of foul play. Coutinho said Uruguayan referee Ramon Barreto had not controlled violent play and also criticised the security arrangements at the match.

Kapil returns with a bang

India crushes Aussies

MELBOURNE, Feb. 11 (AP) — Australia crashed to a humiliating defeat in the third and final Test here Tuesday, allowing India to square the series one-all.

India skittled the Australians for 83 runs in their second innings — giving the tourists an historic 59-run victory. It is India's best-ever result on an Australian tour — and Australia's lowest-ever score against India. The previous worst was 105 at Kanpur in 1959-60.

Australia started the final day at three for 24, needing only 119 more runs to win the match and clinch the series 2-0.

India's hero was paceman Kapil Dev who, despite a muscle injury, grabbed five for 28 off 16.4 overs. Dilip Doshi and Karsan Ghavri both took two wickets.

Only two of the Australian batsmen reached double figures Tuesday — veteran Doug Walters, in his benefit year, made 18. Vice-captain Kim Hughes was next best on 16.

The only consolation for the Australians was the naming of Dennis Lillee, who broke Richie Benaud's Test wicket record, as cricketer of the year. He won a \$20,000 sports car.

"It's a crucial morale-booster for the New

Zealand tour, Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar said. "After this victory I think our morale is very high. Depending on the kind of wickets we get there I think we could have a very good series," Gavaskar added.

He said a decision still had to be made on whether a replacement would be needed for off-spinner Shiyal Yadav, who had his toe broken by a delivery from Len Pascoe on Saturday.

Score-board

INDIA (1st Innings)	237
AUSTRALIA (1st Innings)	419
INDIA (2nd Innings)	324
AUSTRALIA (2nd Innings)	324

R. Dyeon c Kirmani b Ghavri 3

G. Wood St Kirmani b Doshi 10

G. Chappell b Ghavri 0

K. Hughes b Doshi 16

B. Yardley b Kapil Dev 7

A. Border c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 9

D. Walters not out 18

R. Marsh b Kapil Dev 3

D. Lillee b Kapil Dev 4

L. Pascoe run out 6

J. Higgins bow Kapil Dev 0

Extras 7

TOTAL 83

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11, 3-18, 4-40, 5-50,

6-55, 7-61, 8-69, 9-79.

BOWLING: K. Ghavri 8-4-10-2; S. Patil 2-0-5-0; K.

Dev. 16-4-28-5; D. Doshi 22-9-33-2.

Trinidad match ends in tie

PORTE OF SPAIN, Trinidad Feb. 11 (AP) — The touring England cricketers were kept in the field for the whole day Tuesday as their four day match against Trinidad and Tobago pattered out into an inevitable draw.

The home team, continuing at their overnight 144 for two, passed England's first innings total of 355 and were 392 for 8 when the match ended.

It was the final opportunity for match practice for the Englishmen before the first Test against the West Indies starts here Friday. They used the opportunity to give their bow-

kers long stints, the three off-spinners, John Emburey, Geoff Miller and Peter Willey, each having plenty of work.

The Trinidadians made slow progress early in the day after a start delayed by half hour because of rain. They lost Augustine Logie for 30, Larry Gomes for 75 and Anmeal Rajah for 19 before Theo Cuffy, skipper Deryck Murray and all-rounder Ranje Nanan changed the tempo with attacking batting.

Brief scores: England 355, Trinidad and Tobago 392 for 8 (L. Gomes 75, A. Logie 30, D. Murray 75, T. Cuffy 61; Willey 2 for 61).

BRIEFS

NAIROBI, (R) — International Olympic Committee president, Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain, said there was no solution to the problem of politically-influenced boycotts of the Olympic Games. He told a press conference Tuesday, on the penultimate stop of his five-nation African tour, that although he was against any boycott. "There are no solutions to this problem and we can only pray and hope that boycotts don't happen."

NEW YORK, (R) — Larry Holmes will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) Heavyweight title against Canadian champion Trevor Berbick at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas on April 11, promoter Don King announced Tuesday. It will be the first fight for the American title holder since he stopped former champion Muhammad Ali at the end of the 10th round in Las Vegas last Oct. 2.

OAKLAND, California, (AP) — In an upset Tuesday, unseeded Beth Norton defeated fourth-seeded Kathy Jordan 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in first-round play in the \$125,000 Avon Championships of California. In other play, Leslie Allen, U.S., beat Candy Reynolds, U.S., 7-6, 7-4, 6-0 and fifth-seeded Virginia Wade, England, defeated Barbara Jordan, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.

LONDON, (AP) — India trailed 2-3 against England in the first of seven badminton Internationals at Crawley Leisure Center in South London Tuesday night. Indian girls Ami Ghia and Kanwal Singh led Nora Perry and Karen Chapman 8-2 in the

go-ahead.

third game, but the English pair took control to win 17-14, 11-15, 15-11.

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — The manager of Wells Fargo Bank's Miracle Mile branch, Gen Kawakami, has been relieved of his duties, the bank announced Tuesday in yet another turn in the labyrinth known as the Wells Fargo embezzlement case. "We're not suspending him — he's still in our employment," said Wells Fargo spokesman George Caulfield, though he would not elaborate on exactly why Kawakami was being taken off his job.

LONDON, (AP) — Spanish gold ace Severiano Ballesteros will play only six or seven tournaments in Europe this year, most of them in Britain. Ballesteros said that in 1981 he is likely to play almost as many tournaments in Japan as he does in his own territory.

LONDON, (AP) — Des Smyth, the Irish Ryder Cup golfer, will play in three tournaments on the United States circuit while he is on honeymoon. Smyth who marries next Saturday leaves for Florida the following day where he will play in the Bay Hill Classic, the Inverrary Classic and the Doral-Eastern Open.

MARIBOR, Yugoslavia, (AP) — The world's top women skiers went on strike Wednesday when they refused to take part in a Slalom counting toward the World Cup. The skiers were unhappy about the poor condition of the Slalom course despite the fact that World Cup organizers have given the go-ahead.

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THE MAGNIFICENT MAN AND HIS MACHINE: Argentina's Carlos Reutemann poses with the glittering trophy he won in the South African Grand Prix Friday. (Right): the Sandia-Leyland Williams speeding on the Kyalami track in all its glory. (AP Wirephoto)

Supersonics stun Celtics in thriller

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — It has not been a very enjoyable season for the Seattle Supersonics, who have struggled because of injuries to Paul Westphal and Lonnie Shelton and a contract dispute that has kept Gus Williams on the sidelines. But finally they found reason to rejoice.

The Sonics rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final two minutes of regulation play and went on to stun the Boston Celtics 108-107 in overtime Tuesday night at the Kingdome in Seattle. It was the fourth loss in the last six National Basketball Association games for the Celtics, who fell three games behind Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division race.

"It was one of the biggest wins of the year, especially now when we have to put a string together," said Sonics coach Lenny Wilkins, whose club has a modest three-game winning

streak and is still in the chase for a playoff berth despite a 25-32 record.

"It's the type of game that can turn the whole season around," said Westphal, who came off the bench to lead Seattle with 24 points. "If we spring off it and use it as momentum, it can help us on the coming road trip."

In other games, the Chicago Bulls edged the Kansas City Kings 116-115, the Atlanta Hawks beat the Golden State Warriors 116-108, the Washington Bullets defeated the Denver Nuggets 115-110, the Detroit Pistons topped the Dallas Mavericks 101-95 and the Phoenix Suns stopped the San Diego Clippers 107-93.

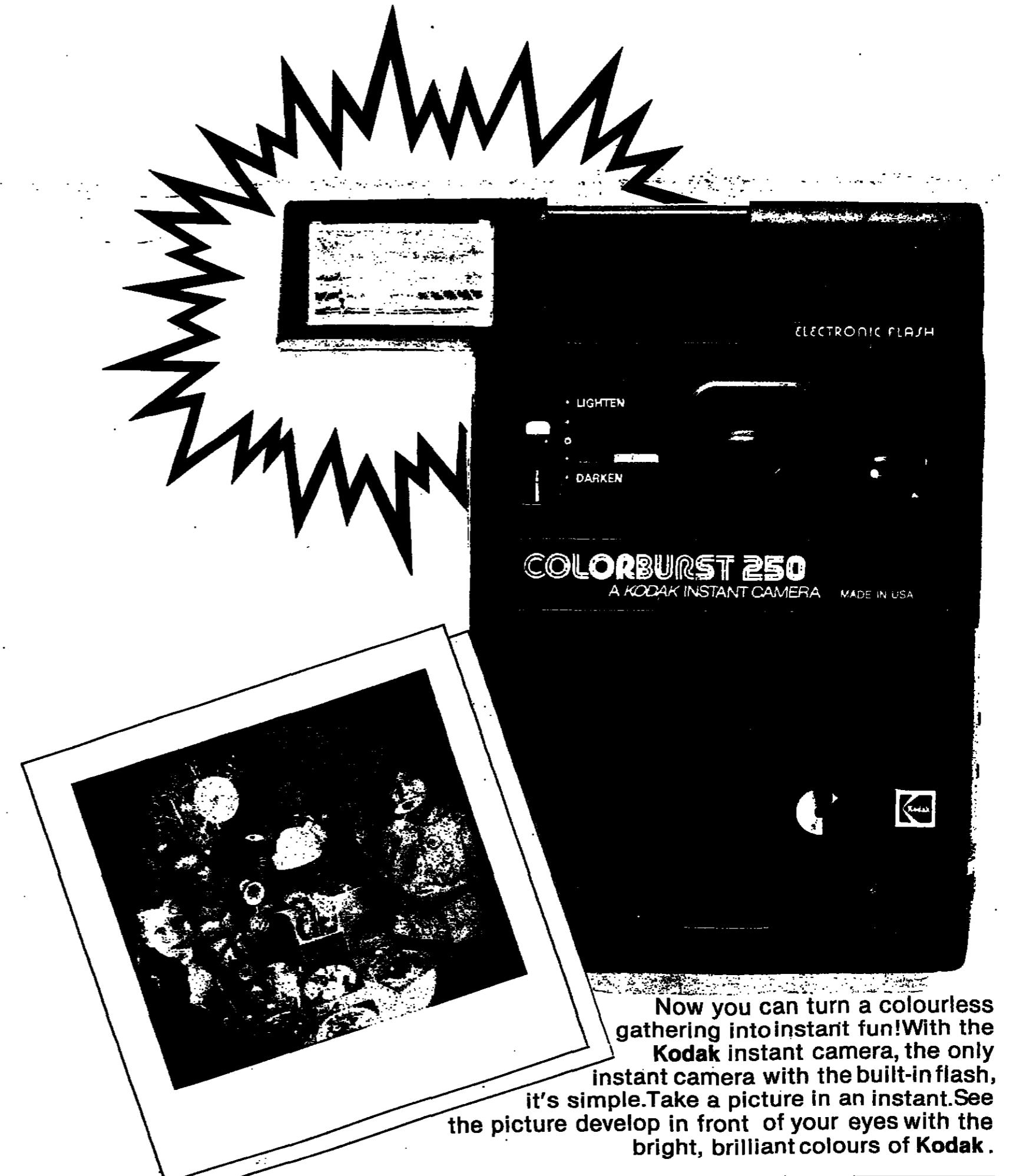
Bulls 116; Kings 115; Ricky Sobers, who scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, sank a 20-foot jumper with five seconds remaining to carry the Bulls over Kansas

City. Scott Wedman, who took game scoring honors with 28 points, gave Kansas City a 115-114 lead just seven seconds before Sobers' winning basket.

Sobers made all 12 of his free throw attempts in the game to set a club record of 48 in a row without a miss. Clet Walker had set the old mark of 47 in 1971.

Murphy, of the Houston Rockets, leads the NBA in free throw percentage with a .964 mark, while Sobers is at .940. Another mark for Sobers to shoot at is Rick Barry's NBA standard of 60 consecutive successful free throws.

Hawks 116; Warriors 108: Atlanta led 92-81 going into the final period but Golden State pulled within six with 1:35 left. Dan Roundfield then hit a pair of layups to ice the victory.





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JEDDAH

By Raana Siddiqi

THE BIRTHDAY OF LATE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, former Prime Minister, was celebrated in India on Nov. 14, among other festivities such as *Children's Sports Day*. Children from all-over India gathered at the *National Stadium* in New Delhi to compete in various sports activities. *The India Embassy School* in Jeddah, corresponding to the Children's Day at home also holds its sports day in the month of November. This year however, the sports day was delayed and was celebrated instead on Feb. 9 and 11. Among a host of cheering parents, the children took part in various sports events. The highlight of the program was the parents race and a folkloric musical skit presented by the children. Mrs. Hafizka, the wife of the Indian Ambassador and the guest of honor, awarded the prizes to the winners.

A DOCUMENTARY ON AMERICAN SCULPTRESS Louise Nevelson would be shown at the Jeddah Fine Arts Society meeting to be held on Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the USGS Recreation Villa.

THE ALL FAISALIYAH WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY members are reminded to attend the tea party Monday,

Feb. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the *Faisaliyah* premises. Meanwhile, tickets are selling fast for the society's next program of *Saudi Evening* planned for Feb. 25 and 26. It would be an excellent chance for expatriate women to take a glimpse into the Saudi traditional heritage. The program includes regional dances, a demonstration of *Abaya* and veil wearing, food served in the traditional style in tents, and an exhibition of jewelry and silverware. The first evening's commentary would be in English, therefore more meaningful to the non-Arabic speaking guests.

Program begins at 7:00 p.m. (To reach *Al Faisaliyah* new premises, cross the Palestine Road round-about after the U.S. Embassy and take the first right turn after the Spanish residence.)

DIRECTOR PETER NICHOLS will present *A Day In The Death of Joe Egg*, a drama about a spastic child at the *Player's Playhouse* from Feb. 23 to 26 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets at SR20 can be obtained on Saturdays, Mondays, and Tuesdays at

the Playhouse between 3:15 and 5:00 p.m. A FLEA MARKET would be held at the PCS Primary section on Feb. 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To reserve space, call Mrs. Duncan at Tel. No. 6604501, Mrs. Sofir at 6675311 or Mrs. Wilcox at 6654266. Lots of interesting things to buy so do stop by.

YVES SAINT LAURENT BOUTIQUE is having a clearance sale these days. Last season's clothes, shoes, bags and other accessories are being sold on prices reduced up to 40%. According to Mrs. Obaid, the manageress the sale would continue till mid-February after which the new season's spring and summer fashion items would be sold. Saint Laurent Boutique is on Khalid bin Al Walid Street and for ladies only.

THE BRITISH BUSINESSMAN'S LUNCH would be held Sunday, Feb. 15 at the *Nova Park Hotel* at 13:00 hours. H.E. Dr. Soliman Al-Solaim, Minister of Com-

merce, will address the gathering.

Eastern Province

THE SECOND ANNUAL MOTOR SHOW would be held at the *Al-Gosaibi Hotel*, Al Khobar, from Feb. 14 to 20. As many as 92 models would be on display.

AN EXHIBITION OF PATCHWORK QUILTS would be held at the *Arab Heritage Gallery*, Al Khobar, from Feb. 15 to 28. Open daily 9 to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 in addition; and on Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30. The gallery is located next to the mosque off 28th Street (Pepsi Cola Road).

THE DAHRAHAN THEATER GROUP would present the comedy '*How the other half loves*' by Alan Ayckbourn, from Feb. 17 to 19.

THE DAHRAHAN ACADEMY would stage its annual *Shakespearian* spoof at the PTA meeting Monday, Feb. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Students, who had participated in the recent Kingdom-wide junior high school music festival, would also perform. The PTA, under new president, Kneutel, would discuss problems raised at the mini-meetings in local compounds.

als' Rector Bakr A. Bakr; Sheikh Olayan, and American Consul-General James Eulam.

MANY SAUDI STUDENTS spent their *spring vacation* last week in the desert, enjoying the fresh spring air and getting in a bit of hunting as well as the traditional singing and dancing.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR started last week. For them it is the *Year of the Rooster*. *Rosanna* and *Jim Peeling* saw it in with a style at a dinner with Oriental delicacies. They had decorated their house at the U.P.M. with beautiful Chinese scrolls and a dramatic Dragon-embazoned carpet.

ARAMCONS BILL BARTLETT, BILL TRACY AND THE GOELLNERS have left the Kingdom after 25 years' stay in the Eastern Province. During his stay Goellner had not only taught, but also set up the *Boy Scouts*, and led tours so that expatriates here could get to know Arabia. He had led not less than 185 trips to Hofut and wrote an interesting descriptive booklet about the town which used to be the administrative capital of the Al-Hasa province until it was merged with Dammam in 1953.

Book, tapes available

Teach yourself Arabic

By Heather Winlow
JEDDAH — Perhaps you often find yourself struggling in the souq, trying desperately to make the shopkeeper understand, "No, not in red. Do you have the dress in blue?" To which the reply is a shrug of the shoulders accompanied with a grinning but bewildered facial expression. Or, trying to tell your maid that you are having a dinner party next week, could she possibly work that evening? The ensuing 'conversation' would probably make an excellent episode for a television situation comedy series. Alas, the language barrier can be frustrating and annoying at the best of times. The remedy is of course quite simple: learn to speak some Arabic. If you have decided this course then there are a number of alternatives open to the budding Arabist. Many companies in Jeddah offer evening

courses in Arabic for fees ranging from SR300 to SR500 per course. The duration is usually about one school term. But the drawback is the need to attend classes regularly, which can be difficult for women with regard to transportation and for those who have rather demanding social lives.

Although private lesson eliminates these problems, they are expensive with most tutors charging SR80 or more per hour. But the ideal thing would be to take the cheaper alternative that is available in the city.

In 1974 Dr. Margaret Omar, employed by the United States Foreign Service Institute's linguistics department, came to Jeddah to research and compile a book that would offer a basic understanding of Saudi Arabic. The book, that resulted from the research, called *Saudi Arabic - Urban Hafizi Dialect* is excellent.

Unlike most self-study books, it makes a refreshing change. It is a carefully, well-planned piece of work which aims to give the student a working proficiency of the language. Each lesson in the book is also recorded on a cassette tape to aid pronunciation of Arabic words. The recording quality of all the 15 tapes is very good, and there is little trouble understanding what is said.

The book begins with a formative introduction giving the student some background information to the dialect spoken in Jeddah. Grammatical terms frequently used such as classicism, modal word and transitive verbs are listed and their meanings explained. This leads to a section devised to acquaint the stu-

Mother -- the energy giver

By Kevin McKean

NEW YORK, (AP) — A key set of genes needed for human energy production can only be inherited from the mother, an apparent exception to the ordinary rules of genetics, Stanford University scientists say.

The finding may be important in understanding certain rare human diseases, said Dr. Douglas Wallace of the Stanford's Department of Genetics. Wallace and co-workers at Stanford University Medical School found that the genetic material of mitochondria, the tiny energy factories of living cells, is "naturally inherited" — that is, it can come only from the mother, not the father. This is unlike virtually every other inherited trait, which can come from either parent.

Mitochondria are tiny rod or ball-shaped bodies found in all plant and animal cells. They convert food energy into a form that the cell can use for movement, the production of proteins, the synthesis of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), and almost every other life function. Material inheritance of mitochondrial DNA — which contains the genetic code and transmits the hereditary pattern — is well-known in plants and simple animals and recently has been found in mules, rats and wild mice.

Its discovery in humans may open up new avenues of studying certain rare diseases, Wallace said. Among them is Leber's hereditary optic atrophy, a mysterious eye degeneration which results in blindness. The cause of Leber's atrophy is not known, but it sometimes follows a pattern of maternal inheritance.

That inheritance pattern may indicate the disease is caused by a defect in mitochondria, and the Stanford group is now seeking patients with the condition to study the possibility. The technique could also be used to see the precise genetic defect responsible for familial mitochondrial myopathy, a muscle degeneration known to be due to defective mitochondria, the scientists said.

The Stanford group — Richard Giles, James Case, Hugues Blanc, Howard Cann and Wallace — published its work in the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and somatic cell genetics.

They studied four families, including one 33-member family spanning three generations, and found that the DNA, or genetic material, of the children's mitochondria always matched that of their mother, never their father.

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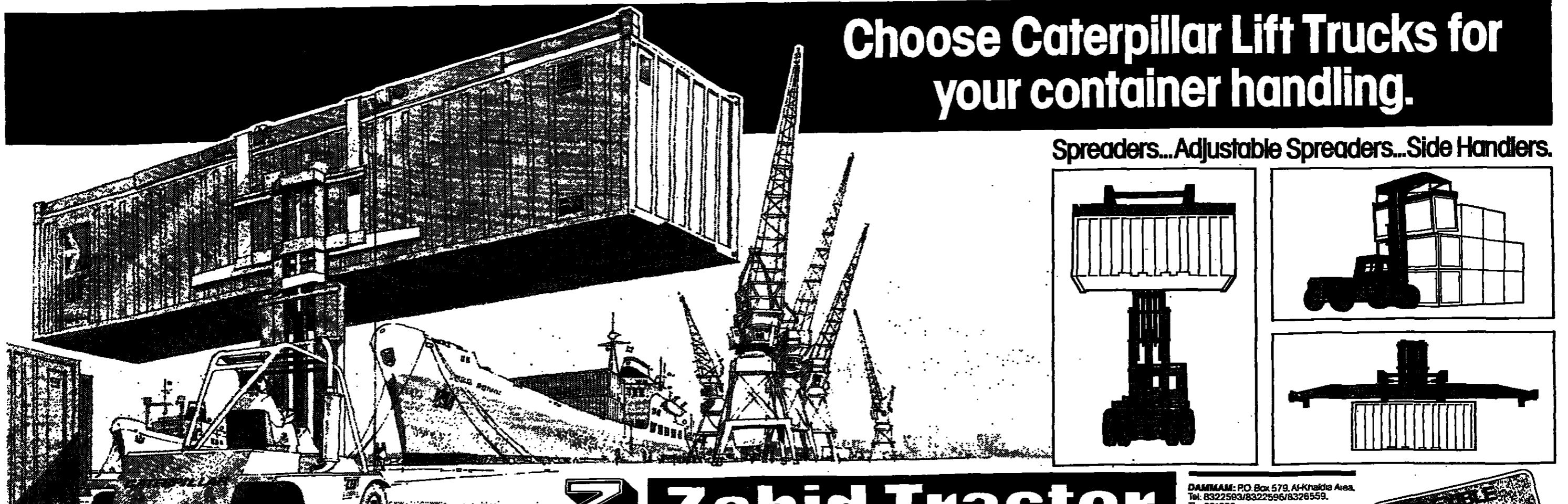
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Nyerere to pull out troops from Uganda

DAR ESSALAAM, Feb. 11 (AP) — President Julius Nyerere has pledged to withdraw Tanzanian troops from neighboring Uganda by June. "I don't want to be another Soviet Union" the African leader told a news conference here Tuesday. He also accused South Africa of trying to destabilize his black-ruled neighbors by launching crossborder raids.

Referring to recent South African attacks

KAMPALA raiders chased

KAMPALA, Feb. 11 (R) — Army patrols Wednesday continued their search in Kampala for raiders who attacked police stations, barracks and a prison. The previously unknown Uganda Freedom Movement (UFM) telephoned reporters in Kampala Tuesday to claim the attacks were the start of a campaign to overthrow President Milton Obote who came to power after elections in December.

The government said in a statement the attackers were "lawless elements" and appealed for calm. But many Kampala workers stayed at home Tuesday and half the shops in the city center were closed. Residents and diplomats said there were numerous roadblocks in and around the capital. They said there had been a number of arrests.

into Angola and Mozambique, which Pretoria said were against nationalist guerrilla bases. Nyerere said: "The South Africans have to make up their minds how they will deal with their neighbors. They believe that we will build guerrilla camps in the frontline states and that thousands of guerrilla fighters will march to attack South Africa. But actually they believe nonsense. Their war will come from inside."

The frontline states are Tanzania, Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana. The name was coined during the seven-year war against white rule in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Nyerere said the continuing presence of some 10,000 Tanzanian troops in Uganda raised economic, political and diplomatic problems.

Tanzanian troops, along with rebel

Uganda forces, toppled dictator Idi Amin in April 1979. Uganda's economy shattered, is still plagued by lawlessness following December elections which brought back to power Nyerere's old ally, President Milton Obote.

Nyerere said a "two-year agreement" on the presence of Tanzanian troops in Uganda would expire in June. "If little Uganda is left alone, they will settle down in spite of the problems," he said.



FIGHTING SNOW: Trying to push their cars forward, motorists struggle against heavy snowfalls in the mountains of Eastern Bavaria as a snow-milling vehicle approaches in an attempt to clear the road for traffic. AP photo

Snow, high winds sweep U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (AP) — Driven by high winds, the biggest storm of the winter swept from the Rockies to the eastern Great Lakes area of the United States Tuesday, bringing blinding snow and bone-chilling cold that contributed to at least three deaths. Tornadoes struck to the south, meanwhile, killing at least one person in Texas and hitting

a grade school in Alabama. Two of the students and a bus driver were seriously injured.

The snow and high winds stretched from Montana to Ohio, sending shivers through more than a dozen U.S. States. Schools were closed and officials pleaded with people to stay home and keep icy roads where blowing snow made it hard to see more than a few feet. The snow accumulations, however, were not likely to be big enough to ease the drought in most parts of the country.

Bad road conditions were blamed for traffic deaths in Michigan and Kansas. Scattered power failures were tied to the cold. Between 400 and 500 homes in Helena, Montana, many of which use electricity for heating, were without power for more than three hours Tuesday morning in temperatures far below freezing. The cold in Montana even forced a ski area, Bridger Bowl, to close for the day.

BRIEFS

MANILA, (AFP) — After 55 days of flooding in southern Philippines the casualty Tuesday was 228 dead and 32 missing while 126,000 persons remain packed in evacuation camps, disaster reports said Tuesday. Flood waters have risen as high as 26 feet in some parts of the flood zone where damage to crops and property has been placed at some \$27 million, reports said.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AFP) — The British government may review its policy on the tuition fees for foreign students studying in Britain once its economy is "straightened out," the outgoing British High Commissioner to Malaysia, Sir Donald Hawley, said Tuesday. He said his government was very "sympathetic" to the hardship that many Malaysian and other foreign students may face due to the increased fees.

NEW ORLEANS, (R) — The Louisiana supreme court Tuesday turned down an appeal from convicted murderer David Martin, who is scheduled to die in the electric chair Friday. If the sentence is carried out, Martin, 29, would be the first person to be executed in the United States since John Spengelkirk died in the electric chair at the Florida state prison May 25, 1979. About 500 condemned prisoners now are awaiting execution in prisons across the United States.

MADRID, (R) — The body of ex-Queen Frederika of Greece, who died last week while staying with her daughter, Queen Sofia of Spain, will be flown to Athens next Thursday, a spokesman for the Royal Palace said Tuesday. She will be buried near her husband, King Paul, at Tatoi, 16 kms. north of Athens Thursday.

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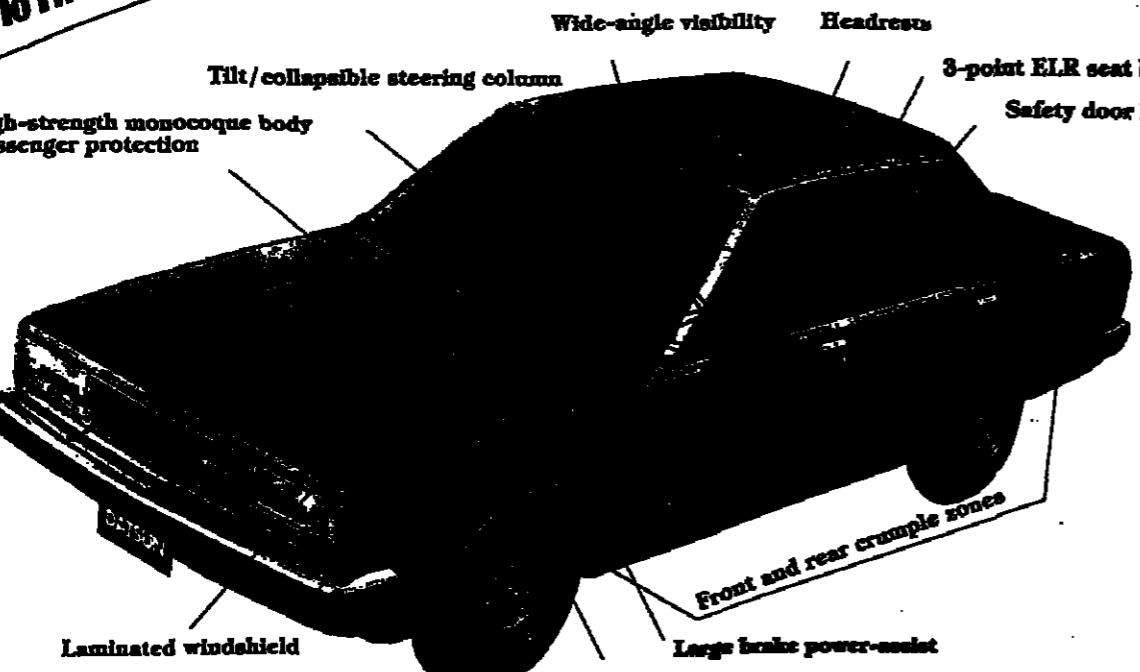
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Alleged security violations Reagan son under probe

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11 (AP) — The eldest son of U.S. President Ronald Reagan is being investigated for alleged securities violations in raising funds for his own gasohol operation and a company purported to own a gold mine in Arizona, according to court documents.

Documents on file in municipal court show the 35-year-old Michael Reagan's home in Sherman Oaks, California, has been searched twice — once in connection with each company.

In the gasohol (the mixture of gasoline and alcohol) case, investigators are trying to determine how the president's son used \$17,500, given to him by four men who, according to court affidavits, claimed they were promised 30 per cent interest in his Agricultural Energy Resources venture.

In the gold mining case, the documents show there is an investigation of allegations Reagan raised funds without a securities license for a mining company that was never incorporated. An affidavit on file with the search warrants say one gasohol investor complained the money was going into Reagan's pocket instead of the company, but Reagan's lawyer, Donald Wager, denied that Tuesday.

"Nobody complained," he said. "They are all the best of friends, and nobody has any complaints." Wager added: "I am confident that when the investigation is complete, Michael Reagan will be exonerated."

White House Press Secretary James S. Brady, asked about the report, said, "it would just not be appropriate for us to have a comment from here." He said he did not know President Reagan's reaction to the report, and did not think Reagan had spoken with son about it. The younger Reagan could not be reached immediately for comment.

Investors told investigators for the district attorney's office and the California State Department of Corporations that Reagan had offered to include them in the Gasohol company, which was to sell equipment to farmers to turn excess or spoiled crops into fuel, according to the documents.

Reagan later told the investigators that the company, which he operates from his home, also serves as a broker to procure gasohol. Reagan's home was searched last Friday in connection with that investigation, according to the documents. It also was searched last Oct. 10 in connection with the other investigation, which centers on the activities of a man identified as Richard Carey.

A Security Pacific National Bank branch in Hollywood also was searched Friday. The warrants called for "all documents, checks, correspondence and literature pertaining" to the company. Documents attached to the October search warrant allege that Reagan helped Carey find investors for Sawyer Adecor International Inc.

Ramphal cautions U.S. against aid flow cut

DACCA, Feb. 11 (AFP) — Commonwealth Secretary General Shridath Ramphal, who flew in here to attend the Commonwealth agriculture ministers' conference Tuesday, disagreed with suggestions that the developed countries were going to reduce their aid flow to Third World nations. He told questioners at a press conference immediately after arrival that the developed countries like Canada, West Germany and Japan had already announced that they were going to increase their economic aid to the developing countries.

Asked to comment on a reported move of the Reagan administration to cut the U.S. contribution to the World Bank-affiliated International Development Association which gives soft loans to developing countries, the Secretary General said it would be "quite wrong" to accept such a suggestion at this stage. He expressed the hope that the new U.S. government would refrain from such a move saying that protests to any such move would come from within America and member countries of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

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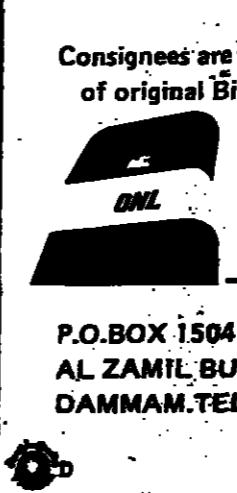
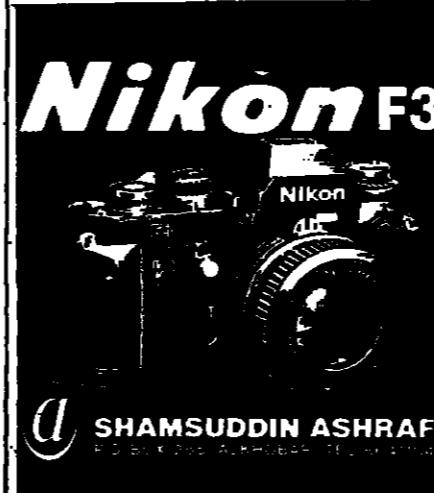
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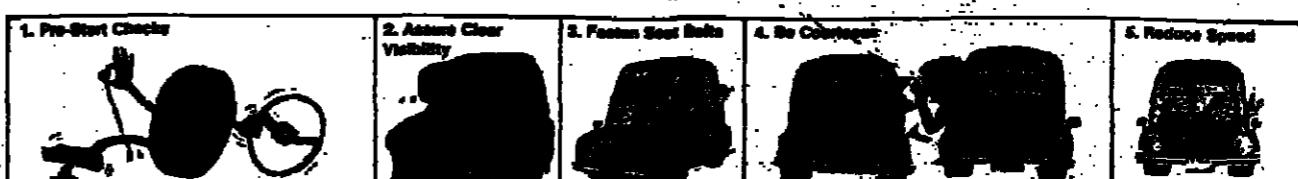
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security forces' raid

University officials held in El Salvador

EL SALVADOR, Feb. 11 (AP) — A raid on a Roman Catholic high school day and arrested eight faculty deans and their top officials of the University of El Salvador as they gathered for a meeting, the government announced.

The university had reported the directors kidnapped by about 20 armed men, but president Jose Napoleon Duarte told reporters later that security forces made the because they believed there was a Democratic Revolutionary Front (FDR) in progress.

A front is an umbrella organization of non-guerrilla groups seeking to topple civilian-military junta. It is the main political opposition to the four-man junta, is dominated by the centrist Christian Democratic Party. The government has not ruled the FDR illegal, but under the state of siege in force since last March, it can't anyone without giving reasons.

A government official said those arrested taken to police headquarters for questioning and "those who have nothing to do with this organization (the FDR) will be released," a police spokesman said acting-rector Angel Paredes and secretary-general

Ricardo Calderon, both members of the FDR leadership, were among the 21 university officials arrested. He denied a university spokesman claim that the rector, Jose Napoleon Rodriguez Ruiz, was also arrested. Calderon Ruiz is believed to be in exile in Mexico. The official declined to say what action might be taken against the university

There was no immediate indication why the university directors were meeting, but it could have been to prepare for the reopening of the school. It was closed last June by the government because it said it was a hiding place for leftwing extremists. However, the junta announced recently it could open March 6.

Antonio Ulloa, named rector after the university was closed, was assassinated in October by gunmen who shot him down on a street near the university. He also was a member of the FDR leadership.

In November, six members of the FDR directorate were kidnapped and their bodies were found the next day at scattered locations in San Salvador. The killings were similar to hundreds of others carried out by rightwing death squads.

Blow to Schmidt

Conn's energy plan put off

HAMBURG, Feb. 11 (R) — West Germany's nuclear energy program suffered a setback Tuesday night when the Hamburg government voted to postpone for three further building work on a key atomic power station. Ulrich Kloe, mayor of the Hanover city, told a news conference his administration wanted more guarantees on waste disposal before going ahead with the plant.

est satellite

ies up in Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 11 (AP) — Japanese scientists launched a rocket carrying an experimental satellite into space from Tanegashima center Wednesday, marking the beginning of an era of satellites for practical use in Japan's space development program.

The N-2 rocket number 1, loaded with an experimental satellite for technical experiments, took off from the southern Japan launching site at 8:30 GMT. The rocket was originally due to be launched Monday, but that was postponed until Wednesday. The National Space Development Agency said the rocket was designed to carry Ts-4 satellite to the "transfer" orbital, a step short of the stationary orbit; to refine the rocket's ability to go into a higher orbit.

Tuesday's decision was a blow to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who has failed to swing his Social Democratic Party (SPD) in northern Germany behind an expanded nuclear program which he believes the country needs to reduce its dependence on oil. It was not clear whether the Schleswig-Holstein state government, which strongly favors nuclear power, could finish the Brokdorf plant without financial support from Hamburg.

Chancellor Schmidt, addressing businessmen in Bonn shortly before the Hamburg decision was announced, stressed that West Germany could not do without nuclear energy. "We have to spread our risks over all energy sources, including nuclear power," he said.

Despite appeals from Schmidt, the SPD on both Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein has opposed further development of the atomic energy program, raising party concern about a decline in the chancellor's authority. The Hamburg decision, taken by an SPD government, appeared to be an uneasy compromise between Bonn's wishes and the local anti-nuclear feeling which seems unlikely to resolve the problem, party sources said.

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U.K. keeps nuclear options

Dutch oppose neutron bomb for NATO

THE HAGUE, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — The Dutch parliament has adopted a resolution asking the government to oppose the inclusion of neutron bombs in the arsenal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The resolution was introduced for the Socialist opposition by former Foreign Minister Max van der Stoel and co-sponsored by the ruling Christian Democrats. Only the Liberals in the government coalition and two smaller parties voted against the text.

In a debate last week, the foreign minister had already stated his government's hostility to the neutron bomb and disclosed that Washington had been informed of that position.

The deputies also adopted a second resolution proposed by the Christian Democrats inviting the Dutch Government to push within NATO for a downgrading of the role

assigned to nuclear arms and for examining ways for achieving that end.

In London, Defense Secretary John Nott, in his first public speech since moving to the post last month, reasserted Tuesday night the Conservative government's reliance on nuclear weapons.

Nott, former trade secretary, said he and his colleagues in the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher were not warmongers but people facing the threat of blackmail from nuclear and conventional weapons. If Britain dropped its nuclear guard, he asserted war could be the result.

He said he was aware of a growing fear of war and in particular nuclear war. Many serious-minded people were deeply worried, but that nuclear weapons could not be disengaged. Nott added: "The abhorrence of war is no substitute for clear and realistic plans to

prevent it. If we drop our guard we may be forced again to learn lessons in the appalling school of practical experience."

He said that: "the task before us is to devise a system of living in peace and freedom while ensuring that nuclear weapons are never used either to destroy or to blackmail us into submission." Speaking at the annual dinner of an association, Nott declared: "strong defenses are vital to our national survival and are essential to this government's program."

Meanwhile, nine British opposition Labor members of parliament Tuesday criticized Queen Elizabeth's husband for saying in a lecture that the existence of nuclear weapons had probably prevented the outbreak of World War III. The parliamentarians, who included anti-monarchist William Hamilton, tabled a House of Commons motion urging Prince Philip not to be "the mouthpiece of a bellicose, reactionary government."

Cynthia flies to New York

ZURICH, Feb. 11 (AP) — American freelance journalist Cynthia Dwyer left here for New York Wednesday after saying she was "reasonably well treated" during her nine-month imprisonment in an Iranian jail. Speaking to reporters here on a short stopover, Mrs. Dwyer said that she felt "immense joy" when she watched on Iranian television the departure of the 52 American hostages from Tehran Jan. 20. She said she had thought that her case would be settled rapidly after the hostages were freed.

Mrs. Dwyer, 49, left Iran Tuesday after being convicted of spying charges. She had spent nine months and three days in Tehran's Evin prison. She said that from November she was allowed visits from representatives of the Red Cross and later from Swiss embassy officials. Switzerland represents U.S. interests in Iran.

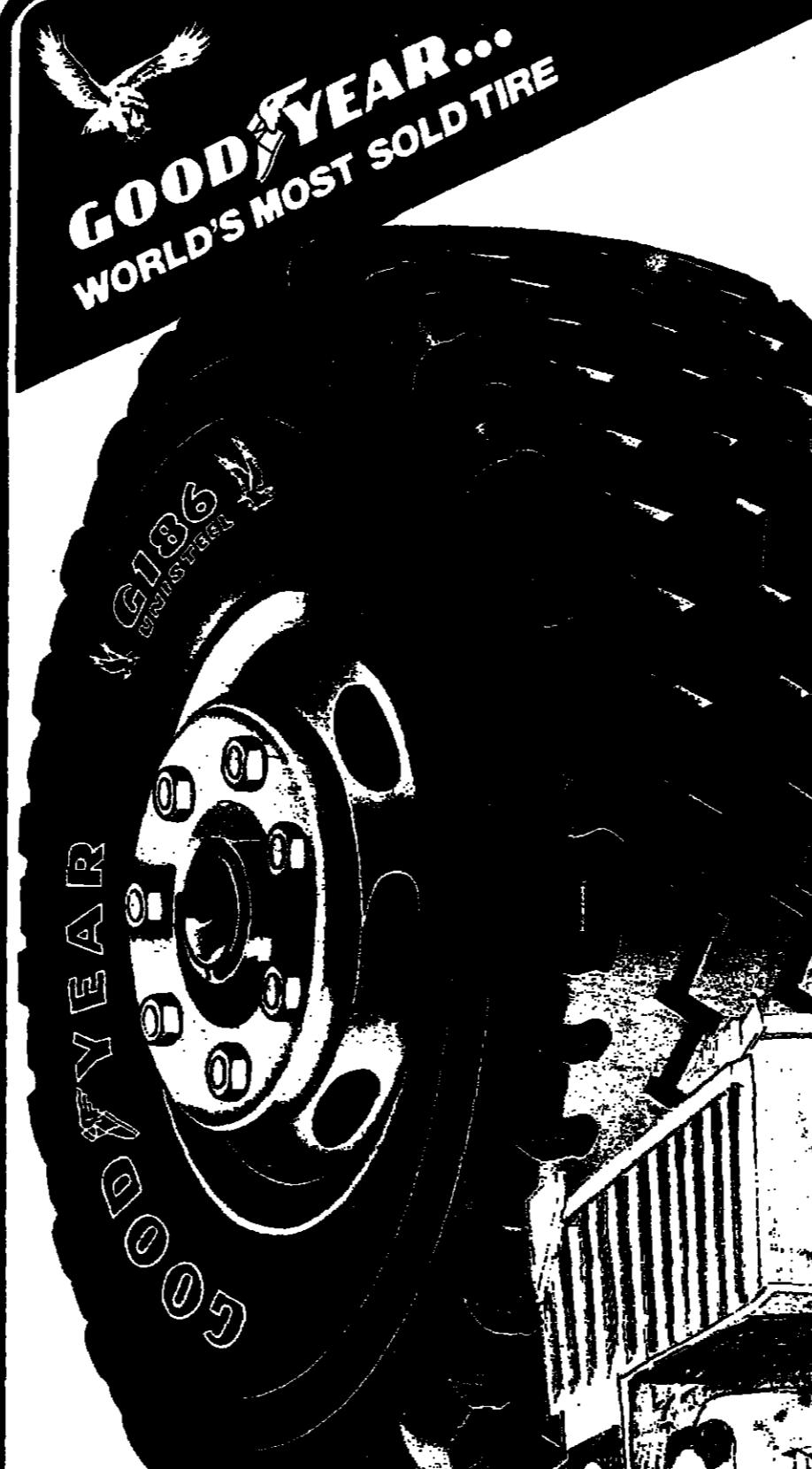
Mrs. Dwyer, a mother of three, said she received a few letters while in jail and was allowed to send letters once a week to her family. Asked about her attitude toward Iranians, following her captivity, Mrs. Dwyer said that Iranians were a varied people and that the political situation in the country was very "confused", even for Iranians themselves.

Mrs. Dwyer is to arrive in New York at 2:40 p.m. aboard a Swissair flight. She is expected to be greeted there by her husband.

New U.S. 'gun' brings sling shot into space age

DÖVER, New Jersey, Feb. 11 (AP) — A magnetic gun that brings the technology of the sling shot into the space age can fire a projectile four times faster than the U.S. army's best rifle, and could be a boon to nuclear energy reserve, an army scientist says.

Scientists at the Picatinny Arsenal are working on the experimental magnetic launcher, known as the rail gun. "Right now the rail gun technology can contribute greatly to the solution of energy fusion, and work where other experiments have failed to produce energy sources, Dr. Harry Fair Jr., chief of propulsion technology at the Arsenal, has said.



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Protection to traders

Global futures market in oil opens in London in two months

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — The first international futures market will open here on April 6 offering protection to oil traders against sharp price movements, the organizers have announced.

From that date, oil traders in the Rotterdam spot market will be able to fix contracts up to nine months ahead on the new London petroleum exchange to hedge against the risks entailed when prices are moving sharply up or down.

The market will initially deal only in gasoil, which makes up about one-third of the refined yield from a barrel of crude and is widely used for industrial and home heating, as diesel fuel and as a raw material by petrochemicals manufacturers.

"I do not think it will have an effect on what OPEC thinks about the price of crude oil," Charles Daly, a director of the exchange, told a news conference Tuesday.

Futures markets have existed in some commodities for 100 years providing insurance for traders and business for skilled commodity brokers. Sugar, coffee, Cocoa and rubber futures are widely traded in London. Last year a market opened in potatoes.

Futures contracts are commitments to buy or sell at a specified price at a time and place in the future, up to nine months ahead in the new London oil market.

Producers and buyers can secure their positions at guaranteed prices well in advance, while speculators provide market liquidity, hoping to make money by anticipating which way the market will move.

Petroleum Exchange Chairman Robin Woodhead said Tuesday he had been encouraged by the success of a New York

Arab fund lends \$9m to S. Yemen

ADEN, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Arab Fund for Economic Development has granted a \$9.8 million loan to Soviet South Yemen to finance an irrigation project in Yemen, banking officials here said Wednesday.

The amount represents 32 per cent of the project estimated to cost \$30.8 million.

The Arab Fund for Economic Development grants loans to Arab developing countries.

futures market in heating oil, for delivery only in the United States, which opened last year and on which 6,000 contracts were traded Monday.

London is well-placed among international time zones for traders in the Far East, Europe and the U.S. to use the market during any one trading day.

He said the exchange would be in business if only 500 contracts, for 100-ton lots of gasoil, were being traded daily by the year's end. He added that major oil companies were showing interest and that inquiries had come from the chemical industry about widening the market to include Naphtha.

Earlier bids to start an oil futures market failed, largely because, until the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries asserted in the 1970s, the Western oil multinationals kept a near-exclusive grip on all aspects of the oil trade.

France to hike aid to Turkey

PARIS, Feb. 11 (R) — France is to increase economic and technological aid to Turkey, including nuclear energy, Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen has said.

He told a press conference Tuesday that he was greatly encouraged by talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet on closer political and economic relations.

France has contributed substantially to Turkey's economic development in 1979 and 1980 and we can expect still more substantial contributions in 1981," Turkmen said.

"We are interested in nuclear energy. We are now in the exploratory stage and France will help us with this," he added.

Earlier Tuesday, the visiting minister had talks with the head of the French Atomic Energy Commission's program division.

Turkey, beset with economic problems, including 40 per cent inflation, a foreign trade deficit estimated at \$5.5 billion this year and a foreign exchange shortage, depends on imports for its oil needs.

Last year, Western governments gave Turkey a five-year breathing space on the repayment of its most pressing official foreign debts totaling more than \$3 billion.

France contributed 300 million francs \$75 million to an international aid consortium for Turkey in 1979 and increased this to 420

Since the 1970s the trade was fragmented. OPEC is selling to many new buyers and a bigger spot, or free, market has emerged to trade in volumes of crude oil and products which are not covered by long-term contracts between exporters, or big companies and end users.

Quotations on the free market, where even such oil "majors" as British Petroleum or the Royal Dutch/Shell group have had to make up supplies, have tended to fluctuate wildly. Gasoil soared from \$280 per ton before the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran war to around \$320 last November, but has now dropped back closed to \$300.

"The disintegration of the established structure and patterns of oil trading... has created the need for price insurance which can only be provided by an international futures market," Woodhead said.

Iraqi envoys briefed on oil policy

BAGHDAD, Feb. 11 (R) — Oil Minister Tayeh Abdul-Karim has briefed Iraqi diplomats serving in Arab countries on Iraq's oil policy and ways of using crude to further the country's interest, the official press has reported.

The English language *Baghdad Observer* quoted Abdul-Karim as saying Iraq followed a policy based on maintaining the unity of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and "facing colonialist plans aimed at undermining the organization's role."

The minister, who is a member of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC), said that the war with Iran had increased Baghdad's "determination and perseverance to continue with development projects to make Iraq an advanced country."

On relations with Arab countries, the paper quoted him as telling the diplomats at a meeting Tuesday that "Iraq seeks the implementation of a number of oil projects in the Arab homeland and the use of oil revenues in Arab development plans."

Abdul-Karim added Iraq's policy stressed that oil and its fruits belonged to the country's future generation and that, therefore, oil revenues should be examined for their real value and protected from the dangers of inflation. Official comment was unavailable from the oil ministry.

Iraq regards oil as a strategic commodity and since the start of the Gulf war in September has declined to answer questions from foreign journalists.

Iran to export enough oil to avoid borrowing -- Nobari

LONDON, Feb. 11 (R) — Iran will produce and export enough oil this year to avoid borrowing on international money markets, Iranian Central Bank Governor Ali Reza Nobari told Reuters in an interview.

Nobari, in London for talks with U.S. bankers about financial claims outstanding since the Tehran-Washington agreement that freed the 52 American hostages last month, put no figure on Iran's oil production targets.

The country's oil output is currently thought by Tehran diplomats to be 70,000 barrels per day (BPD), compared to a possible two million BPD should the conflict end.

Nobari said Tuesday only that Iran's oil output would obviate any recourse to world money markets and added: "If we do borrow, it won't be through U.S. banks."

He estimated that Iran's outstanding claims against U.S. banks since the agreement which ended the hostages' 444 days of captivity could total \$4 billion.

The delegation led by Nobari is expected to stay here for several days discussing Iran's claims together with U.S. bank counter-claims concerning outstanding loans and interest payments not repaid to American banks since the U.S.-Iran agreement.

Under this accord, which Washington officials said probably entailed the largest financial transfer in history, the U.S. deposited \$7.98 billion in an escrow account with the Bank of England.

As the hostages were freed Iran began paying off some \$3.6 billion of loans it owed about 300 foreign and U.S. banks which had formed syndicates to raise the credits.

At the same time, Iran put \$1.4 billion into a second escrow account to cover outstanding loans to individual banks and to cover disputes over outstanding interest payments on syndicated bank loans.

Nobari said some U.S. banks were claiming

Plan to shut uneconomic pits angers Britain's coal miners

Gormley said Britain produced the cheapest coal in Europe and the industry should be expanded, not cut back. He warned that the NCB plan was a recipe for "confrontation and economic disaster."

Sir Derek Ezra, National Coal Board (NCB) chairman, told them Tuesday he wanted to pull the industry through the current recession and that meant cutting production by 10 million tons, enlarging workable pits and closing those where reserves were nearly exhausted or difficult to operate.

He refused to name doomed pits but said they represented a "growing financial burden" to the industry. Talks on implementing the closures would begin Friday between NCB officials and local pit directors, he said.

"All we have said is that a number varying between 20 and 50 will close. But we will do our best to save as many as we can," Sir Derek told miners, leaders at a stormy meeting. The industry, he said, was overproducing by about eight million tons a year.

The proposals brought an angry response from miners' leaders. "If the pits are threatened, we will take industrial action to defend our jobs," said Arthur Scargill, communist leader of the Yorkshire miners.

Joe Gormley, president of the 25,000-member National Union of Mineworkers, conceded some pits had to be closed down, but said they were being forced on the NCB because the British government refused to follow other European countries in subsidizing coal to meet competition from cheap imports.

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SCENE OF DEATH: Maurice Bignami, notorious leader of the terrorist organization "Prima Linea," center in the above picture, was arrested after a shootout in Padua, Italy in which two policemen were killed. Their bodies are seen, below, covered with sheets.



(AP photo)
DEMONSTRATION AT POWER STATION: A group of some 60 environmentalists demonstrated around the construction site of the nuclear power plant Brokdorf near Hamburg, West Germany. Above, policemen are carrying away demonstrators from the main entrance of the building site. At below Young demonstrators are sitting around a camp fire to block the street for building vehicles. A police officer is asking them to leave the place.



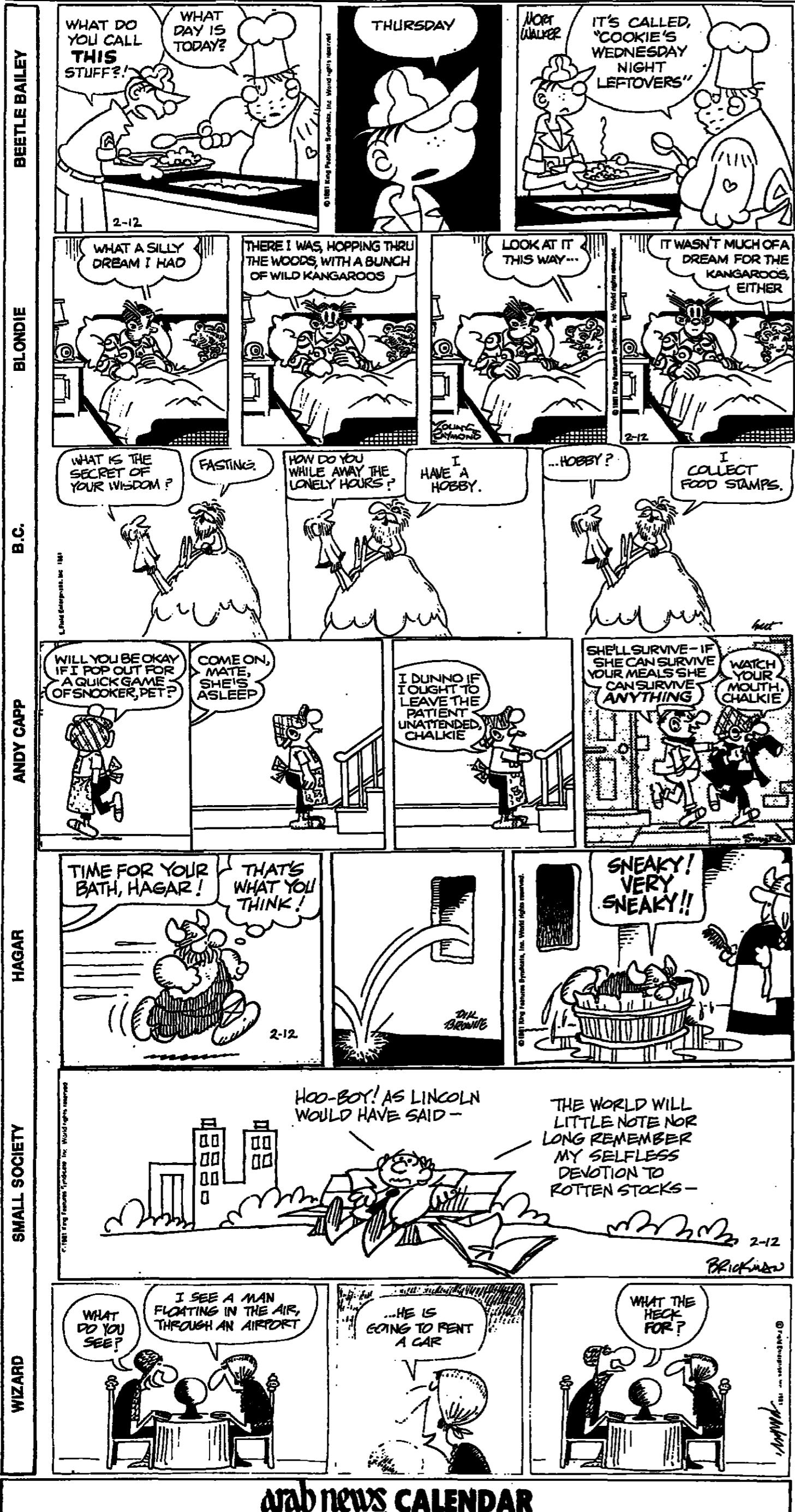
EXECUTED: Closeup of engineer Jose Maria Ryan, who was kidnapped by Basque separatists and after eight days he was found slain, (at right), because officials of a nuclear energy plant in northern Spain refused separatist ransom demands to demolish the plant. Police said he was executed with a bullet in the neck and was found blindfolded.



(AP photo)
REACT TO VERDICTS: Three of four black youths charged in the beating deaths of three white youths during last May's race riots in Miami, listen as verdicts are read in a Miami courtroom last Friday. The defendants were charged with first-degree murder in the killings during the riots that followed the acquittal of four white ex-policemen charged in the beating death of a black businessman. Patrick Moore, 16, third from left, sobs after being acquitted. Samuel Lightsey, 17, far left, was found guilty of second-degree murder. Lawrence Capers, 21, right, was found convicted of third-degree murder. Defendants' lawyers are seated with them.



(AP photo)
BUS DRIVER SHOT: The body of San Francisco mini-bus driver lies covered in foreground after he was shot and killed last Thursday while taking a break aboard his bus in San Francisco. The incident follows by about two weeks the fatal shooting of an AC Transit bus driver in Oakland.



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THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran, 4:30 Children's Program, 5:15 Soccer, 6:00 Education Program, 7:00 Daily Arabic Series, 8:00 Arabic News, 8:35 Family Hour, 9:30 English News, 10:00 Lou Grant, 10:40 Arabic Drama, 12:30 News

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THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran, 5:30 Open Sesame, 6:10 News, 6:45 What the Paper Say, 7:00 Panorama, 7:45 Arabic Series, 8:00 Arabic News, 8:45 Arabic Film, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Arabic Film

DUBAI CHANNEL 33

THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran, 6:15 Cartoons, 6:30 Phoenicia and the Carpet Watch All Night, 7:00 Family After School, 7:30 Thunderbirds, 8:00 Local News, 8:10 Dallas, 9:00 Rivals of Sherlock Holmes, 10:00 World News, 10:25 Captain Walle, 10:50 Star News.

RAS AL KHAIMAH

THURSDAY: 5:45 Quran, 6:00 Arthur of the Britons, 6:30 Bonanza, 7:15 Calvert — The Gulf, 7:45 Robin on the River, 8:10 Oct. Series, 10:20 T.H.E. Crit, 10:45 I Spy.

KUWAIT CHANNEL 10

THURSDAY: 5:05 Cartoons, 7:35 The Prince and the Pauper, 8:00 News in English, 8:15 Donny and Marie, 9:00 WKRP, 9:30 Family Film.

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THURSDAY: 5:02 Quran, 5:08 Today's Program, 5:10 Students' Program, 6:15 Cartoons, 6:30 Adult Education, 6:50 Circus, 7:20 Songs, 7:30 Arabic Film, 8:30 Arabic News, 9:00 One Program, 9:30 Songs Soldier's Day, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Theatrical Play/Film, 11:30 News.

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MONDAY: Open Thursday Night

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TIME THURSDAY

SECTION FRANCAISE JEDDAH

1:00 Open
1:01 High Queen
1:10 Chanteuse
1:20 Top of the Pops
1:30 Music to Relax
1:45 The ISLAND
2:45 Ballroom Hot 50
2:55 Light Music
3:00 The News
3:10 Press Review
3:20 Listen to the Divine Truth
3:30 Garlands in Oak
3:45 Light Music
3:55 Clovers
4:00 Hello Magazine
4:10 Light Music
4:15 The News
4:25 Light Worldwide
4:30 Light Worldwide
4:45 Pot Poem
4:55 Today's Short Story
5:00 Symphony Concert
5:10 Light Music
5:15 Hello Magazine Show
5:20 Eva in the World
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Court decision resented

Farmers in Poland warn of strike again

WARSAW, Feb. 11 (R) — Leaders of Poland's self-proclaimed Rural Solidarity union of private farmers threatened to strike for the sixth time Wednesday in an angry reaction to a court decision to defer their application for legal recognition. At the same time Poland's top Roman Catholic leaders issued a forceful statement openly supporting the farmers.

The row over Rural Solidarity appeared to have subsided Tuesday following the court's compromise ruling that although Rural Solidarity could not be registered as a union under existing law it could be an association.

But as the Polish Sejm (parliament) appointed army Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski Poland's fourth prime minister in a year, the

Thorny issues stall hostage pact review

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP) — The Reagan administration's review of the agreement that freed 52 American hostages is being delayed because of concern it may be inconsistent with U.S. or international law, a State Department spokesman has said.

The spokesman, William Dyess, said there is no plan to "intentionally" let slip any deadlines set by the agreement and that the U.S. government is taking steps to meet them. But he said that there are some "very thorny" problems that are causing delay in completing the review of the overall agreement, signed in the final hours of the Carter administration.

"The problem is that in some cases we aren't sure the obligations are consistent with domestic and international law," he said Tuesday. Dyess declined to identify the exact nature of the concern pending completion of the review.

farmers said they were determined to do anything to get their present union recognized. Gen. Jaruzelski, who retained his portfolio as defense minister, was nominated to replace Józef Pankowski who resigned Monday after wrestling for nearly six months with industrial and economic turmoil.

Strikers in the southern province of Jelenia Góra meanwhile returned to work Wednesday ending a two-day general strike after accepting a compromise on their demands for hospital facilities.

Solidarity's leader Lech Wałęsa called Tuesday's court decision a draw and told the farmers they should form an association, advice which Rural Solidarity leaders in Warsaw appeared to have grudgingly accepted. But a statement issued Wednesday from the farmers' strike headquarters in Rzeszów, where they have been occupying a building of the defunct state-run unions for six weeks, indicated that the battle was far from over.

"We farmers are ready for anything. We will resort to all accessible means and forms of strike in order to get the existing Rural Solidarity approved by the government. We do not want to resort to extremes, do not want to use our biggest weapon — the strike — unless we feel forced to do so," the statement said. "March is now near. If by that time all fields are to be sown then we must end the problem as quickly as possible," it added.

Gold prices decline

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP) — Evidence that prime interest rates are not likely to fall in the near future kept the dollar steady and knocked back the price of gold Wednesday.

London's five billion houses fixed a recommended morning price of \$505.00 a troy ounce, down from \$514.24 late Tuesday, and in Zurich, the metal traded at a median \$505.50, down from \$518.50. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$507.47, down \$9.22. Gold finished at \$510. In New York Tuesday afternoon, silver was quoted in London at \$13.40, against \$13.88 Tuesday.



FARMERS' MARCH: Supporters of Rural Solidarity march towards the tomb of the Unknown Soldier from the Supreme court after the hearing on the legalisation of Rural Solidarity in Warsaw Tuesday.

Wire photo

Chun sure to win South Koreans go to poll

SEOUL, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — South Koreans voted Wednesday for a 5,278-member presidential electoral college which is almost certain to re-elect the incumbent, Chun Doo-Hwan, candidate of the Democratic Justice Party (DJP). Election officials estimated that about 80 per cent of the 21 million electorate voted compared with 95.5 per cent in last October's referendum which approved President Chun's new constitution.

A smiling, waving Chun, accompanied by his wife and eldest son, was among the first voters at a polling station near the Blue House, the Korean presidential residence. Predictions were that the DJP with support of some independents, would take about 70 per cent of the seats.

The electoral college will meet Feb. 25 to pick a president for a seven-year term. South Korea's new constitution says the president will serve only one term. Chun was named interim president by a former electoral col-

lege last August. Three other parties have entered presidential candidates, but they generally are considered token opposition. The country's old parties were dissolved when the new constitution was enacted, and new ones were allowed to form late last year. However, a government purge of more than 500 former opposition and dissident leaders still keeps them from political roles.

Chun and the three other presidential nominees made election-eve radio and television speeches for voter support. As he has previously, Chun emphasized the need for peaceful, constitutional changes of power and called for an end to the "bitter communions and aimless wandering" of the past. He said he was running as Democratic Justice Party candidate because he needs the support of a leading political group to carry out the "historic task" of settling democracy in South Korea.

10 loyal Mugabe soldiers killed

BULAWAYO, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — At least 10 Zimbabwe national army soldiers loyal to Prime Minister Robert Mugabe died in faction fighting here Tuesday night when gun-battles between rival troops spread to their barracks on the outskirts of Bulawayo, military sources said Wednesday.

Hospital sources said 11 bodies had been recovered after the fighting in Bulawayo's Glenville barracks and military sources said 10 of these were known to be former ZANLA guerrillas loyal to the prime minister. A brittle truce was holding between the two factions, loyal to either Mugabe or his junior coalition partner Joshua Nkomo, after the fighting.

Travelers reported that the main highway through central Zimbabwe, where army factions fought Monday night and Tuesday, was still closed Wednesday indicating that tension was still high. Police said the main road to Victoria Falls leading past Glenville barracks which was sealed by roadblocks during Tuesday night's clashes had been reopened.

Easier to treat cancer in kids, says expert

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11 (AP) — Advances in treatment of the more virulent forms of cancer found in children are leading toward better treatment of cancer in adults, said researchers for the National Children's Cancer Study Group.

Dr. Arthur Ablin of the University of California at San Francisco said because anti-cancer drugs attack cancer cells while they are dividing, and cancer cells reproduce faster in children, the disease is more easily treated in young people. The drugs have more chances to "hit" the cells, rather than waiting, as they must in adults, for reproduction.

Ablin said researchers would make "steady, plodding progress" in the use of drugs and radiation to treat cancer, but he said a breakthrough that would lead to a cure was unlikely.

"I think the concept of a breakthrough is unfortunately an erroneous one," Ablin said. "No one is going to announce tomorrow that cancer is cured."

Three-train collision kills sixteen in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (Agencies) — Sixteen persons were killed and 37 injured in a three-train collision early Wednesday near Vaniyambadi, about 200 kms west of Madras in south India, reports said. Three were killed instantly and the others died in hospital.

The accident occurred when the Trivandrum Mail, the Yercaud Express and a freight train crashed into one another. The Yercaud Express smashed into the empty cargo train toppling several coaches onto parallel railroad tracks. The speeding Trivandrum Mail then rammed the coaches which had fallen onto its path.

Calm prevails on Thai border

By Edward Thangarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Feb. 11 — The situation along the Thai-Lao border which saw fierce exchanges of gunfire during the last weekend was quiet from Tuesday and most of the 2,000 Thai families who were evacuated Saturday have returned home and are helping officials here to assess the damage done to persons and property.

Both countries, however, are keeping troops posted at their respective border areas and, according to Thai army intelligence reports, along with two Laotian troops stationed on the Mekong River island of Don Sangkhai from where the shelling into Thai territory took place, there is also a Vietnamese battalion armed with tanks and heavy artillery.

Both countries exchanged protest notes Monday and accused each other of having caused tension. Thai supreme command spokesman Lt. Gen. Som Kathapan accused "a third hand," meaning Vietnam, for instigating the shooting, while Laotian embassy authorities here blamed the People's Republic of China for the rising tension and requested Thailand to punish the reactionaries involved in the attack.

Laos radio also demanded compensation from Thailand for the loss of lives and damage to property. The call reversed the situation when Bangkok demanded compensation from Laos last year after Lao troops fired at a Thai boat and killed a navy officer.

Rift widens in Kabul's ruling party

NEW DELHI, Feb. 11 (R) — Infighting between the two rival factions of Afghanistan's ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has intensified, according to Western diplomatic sources here, who said Wednesday that 250 members of the Khalq group were reported arrested in Kabul last week.

They also said that five Soviet soldiers had been killed when Russian troops became involved in trouble between the factions in Ghazni, south of Kabul. The sources quoted an Afghan army officer as reporting that those arrested between Feb. 2 and 4 included Zahir Payda, a former senior official of the ministry of higher education, and two defense ministry officials.

Factional squabbling has been reported for months between the largely rural-based Khalq (masses) section of the PDP and the Parcham (flag) group led by President Babrak Karim.

The sources said 50 Khalq military officers had been discovered plotting to assassinate 11 top Parchamists, including the defense minister, Lt.-Col. Muhammad Rafiq, and armed forces political commissar Tul Aqa.

The sources did not say what action had been taken against the officers. Last month Col. Rafiq denied that there was unrest in the Afghan army. Kabul radio quoted him as saying it was "united like a fist."

In their account of the trouble at Ghazni the diplomatic sources said Wednesday that early last week Khalq officers had protested that they had been ordered into the field against the rebels when Parchamist soldiers were told they need not go.

Ship sinks off Algiers; four die, 28 missing

ALGIERS, Feb. 11 (AP) — Algerian coast guard vessels, fishing boats and helicopters searched a wide area of the Mediterranean Wednesday for 28 missing crewmen of the Liberian-registered freighter *Faddy* which sank following a collision with the Greek freighter *Sauvion*. The Greek vessel was towed into Algiers harbor by an Algerian tug late Tuesday with serious damage but no casualties among the crew.

Coast guard officials said the two ships collided in thick fog 17 miles off the Algerian coast Tuesday morning. Rescuers picked up three survivors and four bodies of *The Faddy*'s 35-man crew.

Heathrow strikes voted

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AFP) — A series of one-day strikes at London's Heathrow airport starting Feb. 20 was voted Wednesday by British Airways ground staff at a meeting attended by 9,000 employees. The strikes will be against a management plan to delay a pay award of eight per cent.

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